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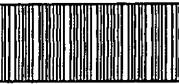
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Period for Reply				
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication. - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely. - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication. - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). - Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b). 				
Status				
1) <input type="checkbox"/> Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.				
2a) <input type="checkbox"/> This action is FINAL. 2b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This action is non-final.				
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.				
Disposition of Claims				
4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>1-33</u> is/are pending in the application.				
4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.				
5) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.				
6) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.				
7) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.				
8) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claims <u>1-33</u> are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.				
Application Papers				
9) <input type="checkbox"/> The specification is objected to by the Examiner.				
10) <input type="checkbox"/> The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) <input type="checkbox"/> accepted or b) <input type="checkbox"/> objected to by the Examiner. <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).</p>				
11) <input type="checkbox"/> The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) <input type="checkbox"/> approved b) <input type="checkbox"/> disapproved by the Examiner. <p style="margin-left: 20px;">If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.</p>				
12) <input type="checkbox"/> The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.				
Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120				
13) <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a) <input type="checkbox"/> All b) <input type="checkbox"/> Some* c) <input type="checkbox"/> None of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). 				
<p style="margin-left: 20px;">*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.</p>				
14) <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e). <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a) <input type="checkbox"/> The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.</p>				
15) <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.				
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Part III DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-33 are currently pending.

Restriction Requirement

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-12, drawn to method of preparing a crystal, classified in class 530, subclass 427.
- II. Claims 13-16, drawn to protein crystal, classified in class 530, subclass 350.
- III. Claim 17, drawn to data storage medium, classified in class 550, subclass 170 (or 345, subclass 521).
- IV. Claims 18,19, drawn to method of determining 3D structure, classified in class 702, subclass 22.
- V. Claim 20, drawn to method of evaluating association of a chemical entity with integrin using integrin, classified in class 702, subclass 22.
- VI. Claim 21, drawn to an interfering chemical entity.
- VII. Claims 22, drawn to an associating chemical entity.
- VIII. Claims 23,24, drawn to heavy atom derivative of crystallized integrin, classified in class 530, subclass 400.

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- IX. Claim 25 , drawn to "the use" of structural coordinates of integrin, classified in class 702, subclass 22.
- X. Claims 26,27 drawn to methods of obtaining information about association to integrin, drawn to , classified in class 702, subclass 22.
- XI. Claims 28-30, drawn to characterizing or designing chemical entity, classified in class 702, subclass 22.
- XII. Claim 31, drawn to chemical entity identified according to method of Group XI.
- XIII. Claims 32,33, drawn to determining binding interactions, classified in class 435, subclass 07.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process

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(MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case the crystal of Group II can be obtained by different methods of crystallization.

Inventions of Groups II and III are separate and patentably distinct, as crystal data can be recorded on any type of medium other than computer readable (e.g., on paper), and because a computer readable medium can contain any type of information, other than the crystal data.

Inventions II and IV,IX-XI,XIII are related as product and processes of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case the methods of use can be practiced with other crystals of integrin or fragments thereof, and methods IV,IX-XI,XIII I are alternate methods of using the information on product of Group II.

Method of Group V is unrelated to product of Group II because it does not integrin crystals, crystal of Group II, in particular.

Methods of Groups IV, V,IX-XI,XIII are related as independent methods which are not connected in design, operation or effect. These methods are independent if it can be shown that (1) they are not disclosed as capable of use together, (2) they

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have different modes of operation, (3) they have different functions, or (4) they have different effects. (MPEP 806.04, MPEP 808.01). In the instant case methods of Groups IV, V,IX-XI,XIII have different modes of operation, different functions, and different effects.

The chemical entities of Groups VI, VII,XI do not have an identified common chemical structure required for a common utility.

The derivative of Group VIII does not require specifically the crystal of Group II, and can be a derivative of another crystal.

The chemical entity of Group XII can be identified and obtained by other methods, such as identification by physico-chemical methods and obtaining by chemical synthesis.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the response to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

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Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a diligently-filed petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Borin whose telephone number is (703) 305-4506. Dr. Borin can normally be reached between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. EST Monday to Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor Mr. Michael Woodward, can be reached at (703) 308-4028. The fax telephone number for this group is (703) 305-3014.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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